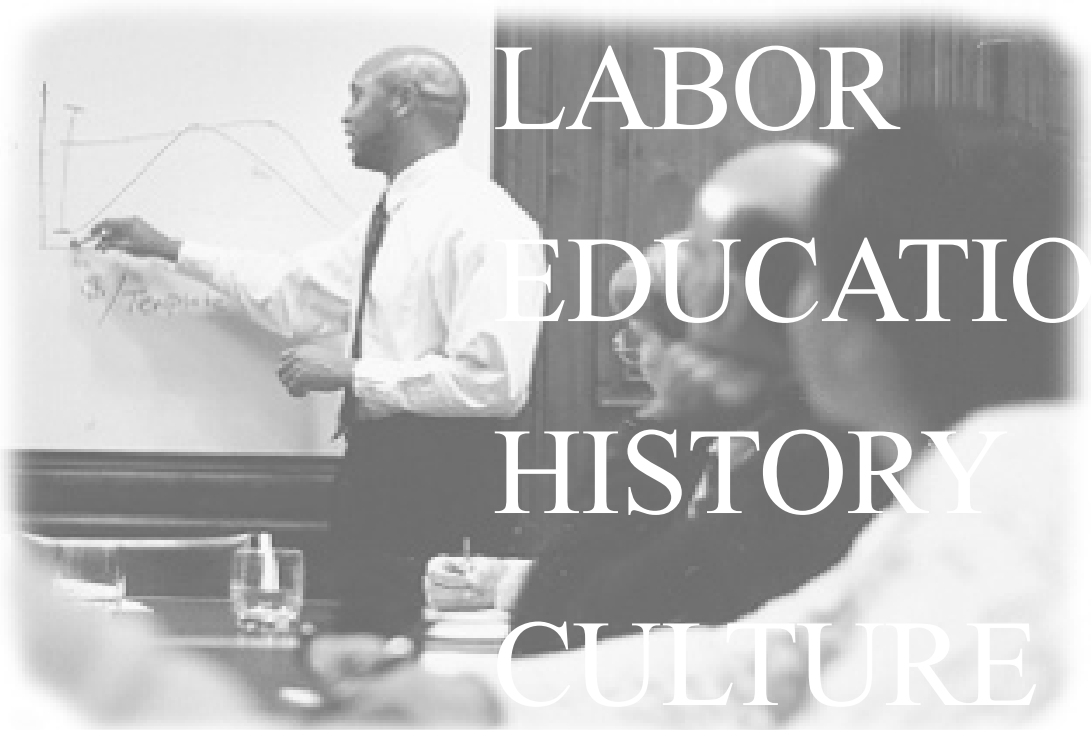


EAST FELICIANA



PARISH

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East Feliciana Parish

History¹

East Feliciana became a parish on February 27, 1824. It was formerly a part of the western district of Feliciana (meaning “happy land” in Spanish). The Felicianas, East and West, were part of the West Florida Revolution of 1810 and the territory of the Republic of West Florida. In the same year, it was taken over by the United States. The area is one of the oldest cotton sections of the state and was settled by homesteaders from most of the Southern states.

Culture and Recreation³

East Feliciana, the heart of English Louisiana’s Plantation Country, is noted for its scenic beauty and historical landmarks. A legal, educational and commercial center in the days when cotton was king, the parish offers a cornucopia of quaint historic towns, charming bed & breakfasts, beautiful country drives, abundant native wildflowers, excellent and birding. Points of interest include Port Hudson State Commemorative Area (National Landmark), the Parish Courthouse and Lawyers Row (National Landmark), Centenary State Commemorative Area, and Jackson Regional Museum. The Jackson Historic District includes a well preserved commercial corridor and many fine examples of vernacular architecture of the antebellum period. Annual events include the Jackson Assembly Antiques Festival, Feliciana Spring Sampler, Battle of Jackson Crossroads Reenactment and Pecan Ridge Bluegrass Festival.

Parish Seat¹ Clinton¹

Major Cities (over 5,000 population)²

None

Parish Population²

1990 19,211

1997 (estimate) 20,315

Breakdown of 1996 population (estimates)⁶

White 50%

African American 50%

Other 0%

Male 53%

Female 47%

Population age 0-4 8%

Population age 65 & over 11%

Geography and Statistics²

 Average elevation 200 ft.
 Land area in square miles 453.4
 Water area in square miles⁴ 2.3

Climate²

 Average temperatures
 Annual 68°
 January 50°
 July 82°
 Annual average rainfall 77.6 in.

Labor Force (1995)¹

 Civilian 7,790
 Employed 7,210
 Unemployed 580
 Unemployment 7.5%

Agriculture¹

N/A

Colleges/Universities² (within one hour commute)

 Baton Rouge
 Louisiana State University
 Hammond
 Southeastern Louisiana University
 Southern University

Public Libraries⁵ 4

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Educational Attainment (1990)⁷

Less than 5th grade	6.0%
High school graduate or higher	58.2%
Some college or higher	23.0%
Bachelor's degree or higher	8.9%

Major Employers (Products) and Number of Employees²

Private Employers

Grace Nursing Home (Elderly care)	125
Hawco Manufacturing Co. (Industrial buckets/Grapples)	100
B & B Electromatic (Traffic control equipment)	55

Public Employers

East Louisiana State Hospital (Mental hospital)	598
Dixon Correctional Institute (Corrections)	485
Villa Feliciana Chronic Disease Hospital (Medical)	450

Poverty and Income

Persons in poverty (1995) ⁷	22.8%
Children under age 18 in poverty ⁷	30.4%
Per capita income (1996) ⁸	\$16,551

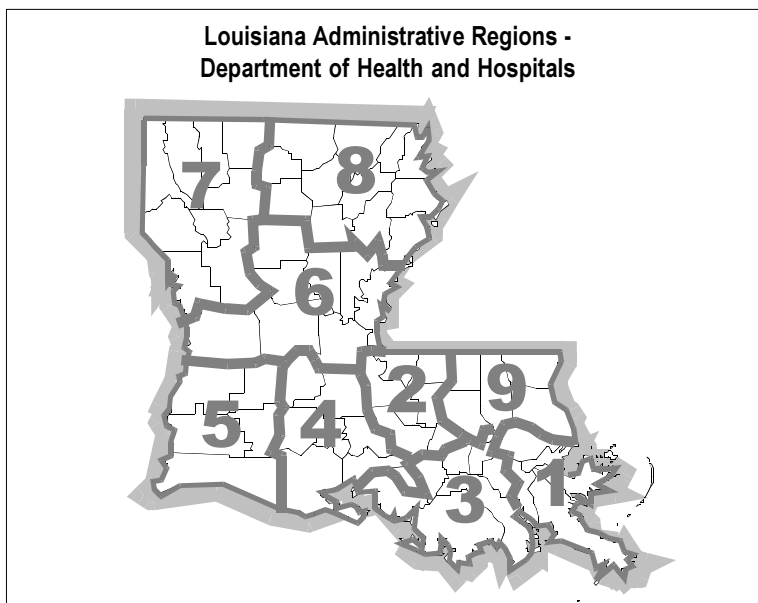


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Region 1

Jefferson
Orleans
Plaquemines
St. Bernard

Region 2

Ascension
East Baton Rouge
East Feliciana
Iberville
Pointe Coupee
West Baton Rouge
West Feliciana

Region 3

Assumption
Lafourche
St. Charles
St. James
St. John
St. Mary
Terrebonne

Region 4

Acadia
Evangeline
Iberia
Lafayette
St. Landry
St. Martin
Vermilion

Region 5

Allen
Beauregard
Calcasieu
Cameron
Jefferson Davis

Region 6

Avoyelles
Catahoula
Concordia
Grant
LaSalle
Rapides
Vernon
Winn

Region 7

Bienville
Bossier
Caddo
Claiborne
DeSoto
Natchitoches
Red River
Sabine
Webster

Region 8

Caldwell
East Carroll
Franklin
Jackson
Lincoln
Madison
Morehouse
Ouachita
Richland
Tensas
Union
West Carroll

Region 9

Livingston
St. Helena
St. Tammany
Tangipahoa
Washington